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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Use of a precipitation-hardenable, martensitic, rustless chrome nickel steel with the following composition (in wt.-%):

Chromium	10 to 14
Nickel	7 to 11
Molybdenum	0.5 to 6
Copper	0.5 to 4
Aluminium	0.05 to 0.55
Titanium	0.4 to 1.4
Carbon + nitrogen	up to 0.3
Sulphur	less than 0.05
Phosphorus	less than 0.05
Manganese	up to 0.5
Silicon	up to 0.5
Tantalum, niobium, vanadium and tungsten	each up to 0.2
Cobalt	where appropriate up to 9.0
Boron	where appropriate up to 9.0

the remainder comprising iron and customary impurities for the manufacture of machine-operated rotary tools, ~~preferably drilling, milling, grinding and cutting tools.~~

2. (Currently Amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein the rotary tools ~~having~~ have geometrically defined cutting edges.

3. (Currently Amended) Use according to claim 1, wherein the rotary tools ~~having~~ have non-geometrically defined cutting edges.

4. (Currently Amended) Use according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the rotary tools ~~being~~ are medical tools and instruments.

5. (Currently Amended) A machine-operated rotary tool ~~Machine-operated rotary tools~~, made from a precipitation-hardenable, martensitic, rustless chrome nickel steel having a composition with the following compositions (in wt.-%) comprising:

Chromium	10 to 14
Nickel	7 to 11
Molybdenum	0.5 to 6
Copper	0.5 to 4
Aluminium	0.05 to 0.55
Titanium	0.4 to 1.4
Carbon + nitrogen	up to 0.3
Sulphur	less than 0.05
Phosphorus	less than 0.05
Manganese	up to 0.5
Silicon	up to 0.5
Tantalum, niobium, vanadium and tungsten	each up to 0.2

Cobalt where appropriate up to 9.0
Boron where appropriate 0.0001 to 0.1
the remainder comprising iron and customary impurities.

6. (Currently Amended) The machine-operated rotary tool ~~Machine-operated rotary tools~~ according to claim 5, wherein the rotary ~~tools having~~ tool has geometrically defined cutting edges.

7 (Currently Amended) The machine-operated rotary tool ~~Machine-operated rotary tools~~ according to claim 5, wherein the rotary ~~tools having~~ tool has non-geometrically defined cutting edges.

8. (Currently Amended) The machine-operated rotary tool ~~Machine-operated rotary tools~~ according to ~~one of claims 5 to 7~~ claim 5, wherein the rotary ~~tools~~ being medical tools and instruments tool is a medical tool or instrument.

9. (New) A precipitation-hardenable, martensitic, rustless chrome nickel steel for use in the manufacture of machine-operated rotary tools, the steel having a composition (in wt.-%) comprising:

Chromium	10 to 14
Nickel	7 to 11
Molybdenum	0.5 to 6
Copper	0.5 to 4
Aluminium	0.05 to 0.55

Titanium	0.4 to 1.4
Carbon + nitrogen	up to 0.3
Sulphur	less than 0.05
Phosphorus	less than 0.05
Manganese	up to 0.5
Silicon	up to 0.5
Tantalum, niobium, vanadium and tungsten	each up to 0.2
Cobalt	where appropriate up to 9.0
Boron	where appropriate up to 9.0

remainder comprising iron and customary impurities.

10. (New) The steel according to claim 9, wherein the rotary tools have geometrically defined cutting edges.

11. (New) The steel according to claim 9, wherein the rotary tools have non-geometrically defined cutting edges.

12. (New) The steel according to claim 9, wherein the rotary tools are medical tools or instruments.

13. (New) The steel according to one of claims 9, wherein the rotary tools are drilling, milling, grinding or cutting tools.

14. (New) Use according to claim 1, wherein the rotary tools are drilling, milling, grinding or cutting tools.